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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 10, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: 1) a Petition for Extension of Time; 2) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) form; 3) Appendix A: hole-expandability  $\lambda$  as a function of tensile strength TS; and 4) copies of English translation of Japanese Application No. 2001-342543 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-020838.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.